CORONAVIRUS BRIEFING: JUNE 1, 2020

THE CENTRAL COMMUNICATIONS BRIEFING FOR THE TOWN OF WELLESLEY

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Wellesley Health Department COVID-19 Case Update.

Total confirmed cases in Massachusetts: 100,805 New Cases Today: 3,840*

Total cases in Norfolk County: 8,586
Total cases in Wellesley: 213** (2 new)

**82 cases total in Wellesley long-term care facilities

Positive antibody tests: 2 new, 41 total

The Massachusetts Department of Public Health is now reporting both confirmed and probable cases of COVID-19 which significantly increases the new case counts for today.* These numbers are a retrospective review dating back to March 1, 2020. Comprehensive case details are available on the Massachusetts Department of Public Health daily COVID-19 dashboard.

Phase Two Child Care, Summer Camp and Youth Sports Guidance.

In an effort to increase access to child care, camps, and youth sports programs while continuing to keep children safe, State officials released a preview of the guidelines, checklists and safety standards needed to reopen these programs. Read the Recreational Camp checklist here. Read the Child Care Health and Safety requirement here. These programs are expected to reopen on June 8, if the Governor and Health officials continue to see progress in the COVID-19 public health indicators to move to Phase Two of the Reopening Massachusetts plan.

Vote Safe, Vote from Home Update.

Ballot requests for the *Vote Safe, Vote from Home* campaign for the Town Local Elections are still coming in. To date, more than 3,400 ballots have been mailed to residents. If they are all returned, this would represent about a 26% voter turnout. While in-person voting will take place on Saturday, June 13, 2020, at the Babson Recreation and Athletic Complex, residents are encouraged to vote safely by mail. To participate, complete and return the Mail-in Early Ballot Application, fill out your ballot safely at home and return it to the Town Clerk. **Please note:** to allow enough time for mailing, all early ballot requests should be submitted by Friday, June 5. See the Town Clerk's webpages for more information.

A few more reminders. The last day to register to vote is Wednesday, June 3 at 8 p.m. Drop off voter registration cards in the Town Hall drop box. The last day to return absentee ballots or ballots requested by mail is June 13 at noon.

2020 Annual Town Meeting Test.

Wellesley's 2020 Annual Town Meeting is scheduled for Monday, June 22. Pending legislation, the meeting may take place remotely via Zoom due to the ongoing Coronavirus crisis. All Town Meeting members are invited to a <u>test</u> of the remote process on **Thursday, June 4 at 7 p.m.** Details and registration information for the test have been sent to all Town Meeting members. Please complete this test information if you haven't done so.